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Minutes from January 14 MH Work Group

Jim Thur and Lynn DeLacy opening remarks.

This group will be core group in terms of making recommendations to Steering Committee.

General issues discussed:

Importance of psychosocial and employment readiness training
Need to make these services available both for inpatient (all facilities) and in community.
Gaps in residential programming
      Limited resources
      Restrictive admission criteria because of limited funding for adequate staffing

Importance of Data in Planning Process

Types of Data Questions that were raised:

Who goes into private beds? What would be needed for diversion?

Who goes into NVMHI?

      Characteristics of those who cycle in and out (recidivism)
      Diagnoses /Co-morbidity/Immigrant status
      Service requirements
      Medicaid/SSI/SSDI Eligibility

What are the demographic projections for the region?

What are the costs of community care?

How many people will be impacted if a unit is closed?

What works, for whom, when?

Waiting lists

Regional distribution

Investing in less intensive services to promote movement

Persons in Jails

Identify "outliers" at NVMHI

The following Planning Assumptions were identified:

Role of Medications will affect future planning

Co-morbidity (especially medical) continues to increase and will impact service design'

The number of individuals without health insurance will continue to increase

Medicaid rates will be an important factor in future planning, especially in regard to private psych bed availability

Number of individuals who are NGRI will continue to increase

Process/Next Steps:

DAD Coordinating Committee will meet morning of February 6th to review DAD data, followed by a meeting of the MH Work Group Data Subcommittee at 1 – 3:30 to review all data

MH Work Group will recommend to Steering Committee that public forums for outreach and input are held in mid- to late March to obtain input on draft proposals

Next meeting of MH Work Group is February 11th, 12 – 3, in Fairfax, Room 8 in Fairfax County Government Center